



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMAGUCHI, Katsumi, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3742

Serial No.: 10/551,356

Examiner: **Quang T. VAN**

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For: **METAL JET APPARATUS AND JET METHOD**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES  
REQUIREMENT DATED November 23, 2009**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 17, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **November 23, 2009**.

**1. Restriction Requirement:**

In the Action, restriction is required between: Group (I) claims 1-5 and 7-8; and Group (II), Claim 6.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-5 and 7-8 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

**2. Election of Species Requirement:**

Further in the Action, if either of Groups I or 2 is elected, the applicants must also choose one of the following species (or embodiment) so as to define a single embodiment for examination:

Species I (Figure 1); Species II (Figure 2); or Species III (Figure 3).

Applicants hereby elect Species II (Figure 2). Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 are readable on the elected Species II.

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Currently, there are no generic claims according to the Examiner.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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